

# **180<sup>th</sup> TRANSPORTATION BATTALION**

## **“KING OF THE ROAD”**



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The battalion cased its colors on 15 August on Guidon Field and departed shortly thereafter arriving at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait where we will be based for the next year. We were greeted by members of the 106<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Although we all miss our families and loved ones we are conducting a worthy cause in the Global War on Terrorism and providing Freedom and Democracy to Iraqi citizens.

The temperatures have averaged about 114 degrees during the day and 98 degrees at night with low humidity. The living conditions are very favorable with air conditioning in the Pre-Cast Billets (PCB) which is large concrete barracks with 54 soldiers in each. Although we work out of tents they are cool and have wood floors. There is a PX, barbershop, Starbucks, Hardees, Subway, Pizza Hut, Kentucky Fried Chicken, free laundry, great dining facilities and lots of free gatorade. These are almost all the amenities we have at Fort Hood: barbershop, beauty salon, gift shop, mink blanket shop, alteration shop, jewelry shop, great fitness center, basketball courts, volleyball etc.

We are working two shifts of twelve hours each day. Our mission is to conduct truck convoys moving supplies and equipment from Kuwait to Iraq. The training we received at Fort Hood prior to deploying coupled with the training we received here in Kuwait has prepared us to deal with any threat we may encounter.

Although we deployed from Fort Hood with the 64<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Group, and see them occasionally, we are assigned to the 37<sup>th</sup> Transportation Group from Germany. The 37<sup>th</sup> Transportation Group has treated us as family and we truly are a part of the team. As most of you know the only units from Fort Hood that will be working with us is the HHD and the 406<sup>th</sup> Trailer Transfer Detachment (arriving later this year). The other units assigned to LTF 180<sup>th</sup> include:

- 243 Engineer Company from Maryland (National Guard)
- 424 Transportation Company from Virginia (Army Reserves)
- 1075<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company from Nebraska (National Guard)
- 1644<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company from Illinois (National Guard)
- 1864<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company from Nevada (National Guard)
- A-5/113<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery from North Carolina (National Guard)

None of the units mentioned above are active duty but have been performing superbly. Four of these units are in the process of rotating out and will be replaced by incoming units within the next few months.

The Family Readiness group is taking care of the families at Fort Hood and we thank them for all they are doing for us. There are many social events, seminars, and get-togethers taking place at Fort Hood and several volunteers are participating which is extremely beneficial to us. The rear operations are doing a great job back at Fort Hood and are assisting families on daily basis. The Soldiers of the 180<sup>th</sup> are performing superbly and are making a difference over here. I am proud of each and every one of them and want to thank them and the family's and loved ones for their support to our Soldiers. God Bless America!

**LTC Moseley**